

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Human Services Committee** was held on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 in Room 200 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Present: Chair Evans, Supervisor Robinson, Supervisor Hoyer

Excused: Supervisor Haefs, Supervisor La Violette

Also Present: Erik Pritzl, Luke Schubert, Eric Johnson, Ian Agar, David Lasee, news media and other interested parties

I. Call Meeting to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Evans at 5:30 p.m.

II. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Supervisor Hoyer, seconded by Supervisor Robinson to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. Approve/Modify Minutes of February 24, 2016.

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor Hoyer to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Comments from the Public

Cheryl Weber, 786 Hunters Run, Hobart, WI

Weber said she attended this meeting in support of the funding explanations for the alcohol holds and detoxification services as well as the day report center. She said the mental health ad hoc committee has been meeting regularly and is going very well and she and her group are here in support of the mental health initiative.

Officer Paul Van Handel, 307 South Adams Street, Green Bay, WI

Officer Van Handel said he is here on behalf of the basic needs group that is made up of hospitals and agencies that care for the homeless as well as those who suffer from alcohol. He is here to show support for the detoxification and day report center projects and is hopeful that those items will be passed here at Committee and then move on to the full County Board for approval.

Report from Human Services Chair, Patrick Evans

Evans wished to commend Supervisor Robinson as this is his last meeting. Evans thanked him for being an absolute stellar member of the Human Services Committee as well as a great vice-chair who was always willing to fill in for Evans. Evans said that as stated at the County Board meeting, Robinson's insight, abilities, guidance, wisdom and knowledge was very much appreciated. Robinson thanked Evans for his kind words and this was followed by a round of applause.

1. Review Minutes of:

- a. **Aging & Disability Resource Center of Brown County Board meeting (January 28, 2016).**
- b. **Aging & Disability Resource Center of Brown County Board of Director's meeting (December 10, 2015).**
- c. **Children with Disabilities Education Board (March 2, 2016).**
- d. **Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee (February 16, 2016).**

Motion made by Supervisor Hoyer, seconded by Supervisor Robinson to suspend the rules and take Items 1 a-d together. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor Hoyer to approve Items 1 a-d. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Health Department

2. Budget Status Financial Report for December, 2015.

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor Hoyer to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Budget Adjustment Request (16-14): Any increase in expenses with an offsetting increase in revenue.

Motion made by Supervisor Hoyer, seconded by Supervisor Robinson to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Human Services Department

4. Executive Director's Report.

Chair Evans noted that Human Services Director Erik Pritzl was excused from this meeting; however, his Director's Report was contained in the agenda packet. Evans noted that one item of interest in the Director's Report is that at one point during the last month the psychiatric center was at capacity and a patient was sent out of the county for a short time for treatment. This is something that rarely happens.

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor Hoyer to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Resolution re: Alcohol Holds and Detoxification Services.

Robinson asked how long this contract would be. Behavioral Health Manager Ian Agar answered that the contract would run through the end of this year. Robinson referred to the initiative scope portion that refers to Green Bay Police and Brown County Sheriff's Department being part of the task force subcommittee and the discussions on this issue and asked if there has been any attempt to reach out to any of the law enforcement municipalities to be part of this. Agar responded that they reached out to the two largest entities within the County with the intention that the Green Bay Police Department and Sheriff's Department could share those protocols within the jurisdiction. Robinson noted that from representing De Pere on the City Council and knowing that the community takes some pride in its law enforcement, it would help in the support if at least some of the suburban law enforcement agencies were involved in the creation of the protocols. He continued that there may be a difference that the suburban communities have that Green Bay does not have and that for the long-term sustainability effort and investment from other supervisors who are not in Green Bay this would be beneficial.

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor Hoyer to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Resolution re: Day Report Center.

Robinson asked what is currently being provided as the supporting documentation for the resolution refers to the current provider. District Attorney David Lasee clarified that there is no current provider for this service. He stated that the outline is not the proposal. Evans said the provider will be Family Services and they currently have a day report center in another county, but there is not currently a provider in Brown County. To minimize the conversation at the Board level, Robinson suggested that references regarding current providers be cleaned up as he felt it may make some Board members suspicious. Robinson continued that there has been reference to Family Services getting the contract, but noted that there will be an RFP and he would advise that people not assume that Family Services will provide the services. Lasee noted that he did not anticipate that Family Services will be the only agency that provides a proposal because there are other agencies in the area that are providing similar services.

Robinson continued by thanking the members of Joshua and the members of the task force that Officer Van Handel is part of as well as the task force that Supervisor Hoyer is part of and everyone else involved in this. He said it is his greatest pleasure of his four years on the County Board to be able to approve this and the fact that he gets to end his time on the Board approving these initiatives at the Committee level brings him great joy and this would not be

possible with all of the work done by these people on these projects. He said this is important stuff and it is incredibly gratifying to see the community, both citizens and elected officials, as well as staff getting behind this.

Motion made by Supervisor Hoyer, seconded by Supervisor Robinson to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Discussion and possible action re: RFP for Pharmacy Services.

Robinson asked how this could be approved without seeing the RFP. It makes him nervous to approve something that he does not have any information on. Nursing Home and Hospital Administrator Luke Schubert said he did not know why the RFP was not in the agenda packet but he will definitely get it to the Committee right away.

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor Hoyer to refer to Executive Committee for additional information and approval. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Financial Report for Community Treatment and Community Programs.

Finance Manager Eric Johnson indicated there are no new reports since the reports last presented to the Committee. Year-end figures are not final nor are figures for January or February. Johnson did say that he can report verbally that the CTC books were just closed and the year-end financial results came in very close to what was projected several months ago. Robinson stated that this is the first time since he has been on the Board that there has not been a financial report and asked what the delay was. Johnson said that the last report was for November and December is not yet closed, nor are January and February because they get closed after year end. Robinson thought that in past years figures had been presented and Evans agreed with this.

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor Hoyer to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Statistical Reports.

- a. **CTC Staff – Double Shifts Worked.**
- b. **Monthly CTC Data – Bay Haven Crisis Diversion/Nicolet Psychiatric Hospital.**
- c. **Monthly Inpatient Data – Bellin Psychiatric Center.**
- d. **Child Protection – Child Abuse/Neglect Report.**
- e. **Monthly Contract Update.**

Robinson referred to the page that shows the Bellin Psychiatric Center voluntary and involuntary admissions and asked about the disparity of involuntary admissions for 2014, 2015 and 2016. Schubert noted that he was not here in 2014 and part of 2015 but generally speaking, there has been a push in general for a less restrictive option for people who are willing to plan and commit to a program to seek voluntary admissions. Evans noted that there were prior issues several years ago where it was felt that there were too many involuntary admissions to Bellin and the protocols were changed. Hoyer asked if state laws were also changed and Evans said that the changes were all internal. Schubert also said that another potential reason could be that the CTC is accepting more admissions. Robinson said he does not have a problem with the numbers going down per se as long as needs are being met. Agar added that in 2012/2013 there were too many involuntary admissions and it was the intent to have more voluntary admissions. During the last several years, some people would go to the CBRF instead of the hospital and they have been using another location as well so some people never get to the hospital because they can safety plan or divert so they do not go to the hospital at all. Robinson noted that the voluntary admissions have gone down and the CBRF has been under populated and he gets the sense that the diversion is not overly used either and it seems like people have just fallen off the statistics. If that is because services were not needed, that's great, but it does strike Robinson as odd that the numbers are not showing up in other places. Schubert said it is hard to look at the data from a snapshot and Robinson agreed. Robinson also suggested that the Committee may wish to find out more about what happened to the people that are no longer showing up in the numbers. Schubert said that the numbers at Bay Haven go up and down and it is hard to know in any given month what the numbers will be. It just depends on people being appropriately referred through the Crisis Center and people that are transitioning from the hospital, the population

changes month to month. Schubert continued that the numbers this month are the highest they have been since he has been here.

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor Hoyer to suspend the rules and take Items 9 a-e together. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor Hoyer to approve Items 9 a-e. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Request for New Non-Continuous Vendor.

Motion made by Supervisor Hoyer, seconded by Supervisor Robinson to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Request for New Vendor Contract.

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor Hoyer to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Other

12. Audit of bills.

Motion made by Supervisor Hoyer, seconded by Supervisor Robinson to pay the bills. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. Adjourn.

Motion made by Supervisor Robinson, seconded by Supervisor Hoyer to adjourn at 5:58 p.m. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

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